

## II. REMARKS

### A. Newly added claims

In consonance with the agreement between Applicants and the Office regarding the co-pending U.S. patent applications related to this application, Applicants hereby join following claims from their related applications into the instant application, corresponding to the new claim numbers in the instant application.

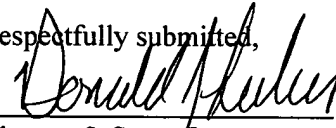
Application Serial No(s). (Docket No.)	Claims	Corresponding New Claim Nos. in the Instant Application
08/487,546 (05634.0325)	3-14	129-140
08/487,556 (05634.0321)	3-14 15 16 17 18-20 21 22 23-27 28-30 31-35 36-42 43-44	141-152 158 169 175 159-161 163 162 164-168 153-155 170-174 176-182 156-157

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Correspondingly, the above listed Application Serial No(s). have been abandoned and/or the claims corresponding to these applications(s) have been cancelled. Applicants request that presently added claims 129-182 be examined along with presently pending claims 3-128.

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